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Commerce announces \$500,000 in grants for 20 rural infrastructure projects

Water systems, community centers serving low-income populations among beneficiaries of funds

Olympia, WA – The Washington State Department of Commerce today announced over \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grants to 20 rural cities and counties. The grants, ranging from \$20,000 to \$35,000, will fund crucial development plans for new or improved water and wastewater systems, community centers, and feasibility studies across the state.

- Town of Almira - \$24,000 for water system reservoir feasibility study
- Town of Coulee City - \$24,000 for water system plan
- Town of Creston - \$24,000 for water system reservoir feasibility study
- Town of Springdale- \$24,000 for wastewater system assessment
- City of Chelan - \$24,000 for library expansion plan
- City of Entiat- \$21,000 for back-up well feasibility study
- City of Kelso - \$24,000 for groundwater study
- City of Mabton - \$24,000 for water system plan
- City of Metaline Falls - \$20,000 for wastewater treatment facility plan
- City of Republic - \$35,000 for plan for maintaining adequate capacity of wastewater facility
- City of Ritzville - \$24,000 for new well supply feasibility study
- City of Riverside - \$24,000 for water system plan
- City of Rock Island - \$24,000 for water system plan
- City of Soap Lake - \$24,000 for wastewater treatment facility plan
- City of South Bend - \$24,000 for water system plan
- City of Stevenson - \$24,000 for emergency facility feasibility study
- City of Tonasket - \$24,000 for water system plan
- Cities of Winlock and Vader - \$40,000 for inflow and infiltration evaluation
- Cowlitz County - \$24,000 for vulnerable populations emergency management plan
- Lewis County - \$24,000 for large on-site sewage system plan

Nearly \$685,000 was requested from the competitively-awarded planning-only grants program administered by Commerce. The state program receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide grants to small cities (under 50,000 population) and rural counties (under 200,000 population) for activities that benefit lower income people. Larger cities and counties receive their own entitlement funding directly from HUD.

Since 1982, the state Community Development Block Grant program has awarded more than \$433 million for construction of water, sewer, streets and other local infrastructure; community facilities such as health centers and childcare centers; housing rehabilitation projects for low-income households; loans and technical assistance to local micro-enterprises; and the development of plans and studies aimed at enhancing the success of future projects.

For more information on the Community Development Block Grant program, please visit www.commerce.wa.gov/cdbg.

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